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REFS: A) STATE 236660, B) BUCHAREST OM

DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1974, SAME SUBJECT

1. IN LIGHT OF DECISION TO ACCELERATE NEGOTIATION OF A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH GOR AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF HEIGHTENED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE NOW TO AS MANY OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED REFS A) AND B) AS POSSIBLE. EVEN IF FULL DATA ON ALL POINTS NOT YET ASSEMBLED, PARTIAL RESPONSES WOULD BE USEFUL. IN PARTICULAR, YOUR JUDGMENT IN OVERALL TERMS OF GOR PERFORMANCE WOULD BE OF VALUE SOONEST.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED COMPREHENSIVE AND USEFUL INFO CONTAINED REF(B), WHICH WE REALIZE WAS COMPILED FOR AN OPERATIONAL PURPOSE. OF PARTICULAR USE TO US NOW WOULD BE DATA COMPARING GOR PERFORMANCE IN ISSUING EXIT DOCUMENTATION
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IN THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES (DUAL NATIONALS, QUALIFIED

IMMIGRANTS, ETC.) THIS YEAR WITH PAST FOUR OR FIVE, IF AVAILABLE. FIGURES FOR 1973 AND FIRST HALF OF 1974 WOULD BE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED.

3. WE CALCULATE ON BASIS REF(B) THAT THERE WERE ON

SEPTEMBER 1, 633 PERSONS (NOT CASES) WHOSE RIGHT TO US VISAS OR PASSPORTS IS WELL ESTABLISHED AND FOR WHOM WE ARE THEREFORE CURRENTLY PREPARED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOR, PLUS THOSE DERIVING STATUS FROM DUAL NATIONALS AND IDENTIFIED UNDER "AND FAMILY" ON THE LIST IN FIRST TABLE IN REF (B) CAN YOU ESTIMATE THE NUMBERS IN THIS "AND FAMILY" CATEGORY? IN FUTURE, BOTH NUMBER OF "CASES" AND NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. FINALLY, WHAT GOR REACTION DO YOU ANTICIPATE IF, AS WE BELIEVE POSSIBLE, CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE DEVELOPS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE? WE NOTE FROM REF (B) A NUMBER OF INSTANCES IN WHICH APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN DENIED OR, IN DUAL NATIONAL CASES, IN WHICH APPLICATIONS COULD NOT BE FILED.

5. IN LIGHT OF COMPLAINS WE HAVE RECENTLY HEARD HERE FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY SOURCES THAT GOR HAS NOT PERMITTED SOVIET JEWS TO TRANSIT ROMANIA SINCE THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT YOU MIGHT SUPPLY.

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